The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in industry recruitment and expansion by providing financial assistance through local governments to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. One North Carolina Fund grants require and are contingent upon a local match. Through the use of this Fund, more than 25,000 jobs and \$3.5 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

"Effective economic development depends on the cooperation and teamwork of government, business and education," said state Rep. Russell Tucker (D-Duplin). "This decision by Menlo Worldwide is another example of how our state's economic development policies encourage cooperation that gets results."

State Sen. Charles Albertson (D-Duplin) said: "Our state had adopted policies that have us ranked at the top in offering a business-friendly environment. I will continue to work in the state Senate to adopt policies that help our communities and encourage businesses to grow."

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, the N.C. Employment Security Commission, James Sprunt Community College, Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, N.C. State Ports Authority, the Town of Warsaw and Progress Energy. For more information about the company and employment opportunities, visit www.menloworldwide.com

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